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LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE-BASED RESIN,
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, PRE-EXPANDED
BEADS AND EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE



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- (1) JP 01-284536, November 15, 1989, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by Patent Abstracts of Japan);
- (2) JP 52-76372, June 27, 1977;
- (3) JP 50-127965, October 8, 1975;
- (4) DE 24 13 321, October 23, 1975; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (3);
- (5) FR 2 264 841, October 17, 1975; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents (3) and (4);

- (6) JP 62-059642, March 16, 1987, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by Patent Abstracts of Japan); Applicants note that this document is also cited and discussed at page 1, line 24 of the present application.

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents:

- (7) JP 51-46138, January 18, 1974; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed at page 1, line 23 of the present application;
- (8) JP 2668384 B2, November 15, 1989; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed at page 2, line 22 of the present application and is a family member of document (1).

Copies of the above-listed documents are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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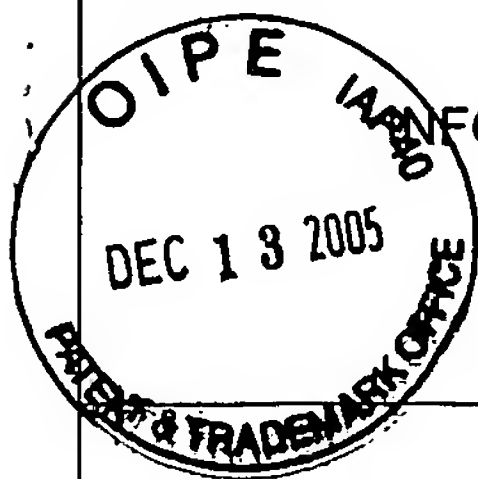


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	1	English Language Abstract of JP 1-284536.
	2	English Language Abstract of JP 62-059642.

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